

CORRECTION

Minutes

January 14 & 15, 1999

State Capitol

Judicial Wing, 3rd Floor, Room 311

The Education Standards and Practices Board Meeting (ESPB) was called to order by chair, Linda Davis. Board members present were Laura Carney, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson (for Friday meeting only) Maryjane Martens, and Bev Sandness. ESPB staff members present were Deb Jensen, Janet Placek, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Doug Bahr from the Attorney General's Office and Gary Gronberg, DPI designee, were also present. Visitors present were Rachel Disrud a legislative representative, Tom Decker from DPI, Max Laird from NDEA and Sharon Dunham from the Bismarck Tribune.

Board members absent were Don Haugen and Mike Schatz.

Maryjane made a motion to approve the December board minutes. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, and Bev Sandness.

Tom Decker made a presentation on the drop of student enrollment figures. Tom was invited to the meeting to give the board a statewide picture of future loss of teacher numbers/positions.

Bonnie gave the financial report. The license/certificate numbers for 1996-97 and 1997-98 have been compiled. Bonnie will also compile the 1995-96 license/certificate numbers.

Diane gave an update on what was happening with fingerprinting forms. The criminal release form has been updated so the questions on the release form and the fingerprint cards are worded the same. Also, the instruction sheet on how/what to mark on the top section of the fingerprint cards has also been updated. The updating was done to help cut back on the number of cards that are being returned to the applicant because forms/cards have not been completed correctly.

Deb informed the board of the Professional Development teacher-trainers meeting which will be held in Valley City. Approximately 75 teachers have expressed an interest. The training dates are set for January 28 and February 16.

A motion was made by Maryjane to accept the recommendation of the Program Approval Advisory Committee regarding Dickinson State University's program approval Dickinson State University's programs were approved with stipulations A letter will be sent to Dickinson State University conveying the Board's decision and the stipulations Seconded by Mary Motion carried Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness

Janet informed the board that the office has already started notifying NDEA, DPI, Vocational Education, elementary/secondary principals and the administrators about the fees increase effective June 1, 1999 A copy of the press release has been included with all the present mailings such as new/renewal certificates/licenses and the courtesy expiration notices that are sent to teachers and school sites Janet did a quick overview of her director's goals Linda distributed copies of the director's evaluation summary

Personnel Policy manual sections that were approved by the board were working hours, work breaks, lunch hour, working/increment weather conditions, overtime policy/recordkeeping, non-exempt employees, leave approval and reporting, agency personnel records, service award programs, immigration reform act, sexual harassment, drug-free workplace and violence in the workplace Laura made a motion to approve the personnel policy manual sections Seconded by Randy Motion carried Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness

FRIDAY CASES

Allan Allard

Information to inform the board at this time Mr Allard is no longer in the classroom No formal request for inquiry has been filed at this time

Cory Steiner

Mr Steiner's teaching certificate/license application was being considered at the board meeting due to his background check A motion was made by Mary to issue a certificate/license to Mr Steiner Seconded by Randy Motion carried Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness

Harley Goodbear

To date, the office has not had a response from Mr Goodbear The board would like Doug Bahr to send a letter stating that if the board does not have a response from Mr Goodbear by February 12, 1999, the board would take disciplinary action Mary made the motion Seconded by Laura Motion carried Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness

Stacy Pudwill

The board held a closed, executive session. A motion was made by Laura for Doug Bahr to draft a settlement agreement due to sufficient evidence and pending criminal proceedings that

- 1 Mr Pudwill will not apply for or engage in any type of teaching practice
- 2 The board will not proceed with disciplinary action until conclusion of criminal proceedings
- 3 If convicted, he will voluntarily surrender his teaching certificate/license
- 4 If criminal charges are dismissed/acquitted of charges, the board will still pursue disciplinary action
- 5 A violation of this agreement is grounds for revocation of teaching certificate/license

Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

Paul Cronin

Mr Cronin's teaching certification/license application was being considered at the board meeting due to his background check. A motion was made by Maryjane to issue a certificate/license. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

Harold Kirmis

Mr Kirmis has surrendered his teaching certificate/license.

Terry Follman

Mr Follman will be placed on the February agenda. As of today's date, he has not submitted all of his credits to renew his certificate/license.

Troy Zander

Minot Public Schools has accepted his letter of resignation. Doug Bahr was asked to write a letter to the Minot School district for clarification or additional information regarding why the Minot School Board believes Mr Zander breached his contract.

JoAnn Gehringer

Information to inform the board at this time. No request for inquiry has been filed at this time.

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Rebecca Romfo

Ms Romfo has requested a public hearing for reconsideration to reduce her number of days before her certificate/license will be issued. A motion was made by Laura for Doug Bahr to write a letter. The board is willing to reduce the time, if Ms Romfo provides a notarized letter from the supervising teacher. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried. Board members voting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

Administrative Cases

Lorne Monson

Janet informed the board that the administrative law judge recommended Mr Monson's license be revoked. A motion was made by Laura to start the proceedings for revocation. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Doug Bahr will draft a letter that will need to be signed by Doug Johnson. Administrative board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

Linda Johnson

A motion was made by Maryjane to issue a two-year probationary license with the eight-semester hour renewal requirement. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried. Administrative board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

The next scheduled board meeting is for February 11 & 12th


Board Chair


Board Secretary